

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, USAWOA, Fort Hood Silver Chapter, 18 Jan 06

1. Call to Order: Chapter President John Hanks called the meeting to order at 1154hrs.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
3. Quorum: Established
4. President's Report / Welcome: Mr. Hanks welcomed all and allowed time for the members to introduce themselves. Special welcome to new chapter members, Mr McDonald, Mr Meeks and Ms Hughes, and returning members Mr Garcia, Mr Evans and Mr McGill. Mr Hanks discussed the new Warrant Officer definitions, new DoD policy on cell phone use while driving, pay raises of 3.1% across the board, and a variety of other new or enhanced benefits; A 922A was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor. Anheuser-Busch extended their military Tribute, new payments for traumatic injuries. The VA has higher limits for VA home loans, and Warrant Officer Recruiter will be at Fort Hood, TX 13 – 17 Feb 06.
5. Reports from Chapter Officials: Mrs Giarrusso, Chapter Secretary, read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr McGill, made a motion for minutes to be accepted, motion seconded by Mr Watson, all members were favor. Chapter Treasurer, Mr. Al Jacobs requested the report be tabled until the audit could be completed, financial report tabled to next meeting.
6. Vice President / Committee Reports: Ms Watson explained that numerous positions were still vacant and needed filling so some of the committee's for the summer activities could be planned.
 - a. Welfare – No Committee Chairperson, Mr. Hanks thanked all for assisting with the \$500.00 donation provided to the Fort Hood Chaplains fund. Funds were utilized for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. He encouraged all to continue to renew their membership and affiliate with the chapter to ensure receipt of future monthly rebates.
 - b. Professional Development – Ms Vinita Hughes volunteered to chair the committee
 - c. Memorabilia – Mr. Jeff Cliette presented a report which will be submitted with the Treasure's report starting upon the completion of the audit.
 - d. Website – Mr Ben Guerra volunteered to chair no report.
 - e. Scholarship – No Committee Chairperson, Mr. Hanks reminded all that there is still \$500.00 set aside for a scholarship to a chapter family member.
 - f. Membership – Chairperson deployed, Mr. Hanks requested all to review the lost members list provided by National to assist in identification. Co-Chair Mr Robert Dunaway.
 - g. Publicity –Mr. Ed Hays has sent a few informational pieces to the Killeen Herald, Sentential and no one has published any articles?

h. Entertainment – No Committee Chairperson, no report.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. The flag was completed and present. Excellent job by all involved.

b. USAWOA for 2007, San Antonio, TX, need to start planning and thinking on what the Silver Chapter would like to do to assist the San Antonio Chapter. Once again volunteers are needed.

8. New Business: Memorabilia fund is going well Mr Cliette has taken and really enhanced the program. Motion was put forth to start a new seed fund “Petty Cash” with much discussion Mr Starnes made a motion, Mr Cuney seconded to set out \$250.00 to enhance the fund with a revolving cash that will be reported within the Treasures report, motion carried.

b. Saturday 21 Jan 06, VTC with Hood, Sill, Dallas, Bliss and San Antonio chapters Topic unknown. All are invited.

c. Trash off for Chapter will be 25 Feb 06, meet at FM 2410 Jack-n-Box, at 0900. Additionally, Texas Trash off is scheduled for April 06 date TBD.

d. 4th of July Freedom Fest a chair person is needed so the chapter can participate and be a larger part of the Fort Hood community. Volunteers needed.

9. Announcement: Next Board of Directors meeting will be 8 Feb 06, 1130-1230, at the TACOM Materiel Fielding Team Conference Room. Next chapter gathering will be 15 Feb 06, 1145-1245, at Yank Sing, Killeen, TX off of Central Texas Expressway.

10. Adjournment: At 1243, Mr Hays made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Mr Cummings. All present concurred. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Approved By:

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JOHN D. HANKS
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